

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (“NEMA”)

Notice is hereby given that, on November 14, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (“NEMA”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Acuson Corporation, Mountain View, CA; ALI Technologies, Inc., Richmond, British Columbia; Aloka, Tokyo, Japan; Hewlett-Packard Co., Palo Alto, CA; and Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, NY. The parties to the venture, manufacturers and vendors of devices that record on or read from various media the images drawn from multi-model medical imaging devices (e.g., ultrasound devices, CAT scanners and the like), intend to cooperate in the cross-testing of their reading and production equipment in order to implement the Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) Standard. The DICOM Standard is a set of rules that will allow a medical image produced on one vendor’s machine to be displayed on a workstation from another vendor. The purpose of the cross-testing is to ensure the compatibility of equipment so as to facilitate the exchange of medical images between instruments, computers and hospitals.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative (“Cooperative”)

Notice is hereby given that, on March 27, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the

National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative (“Cooperative”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its project status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

The Cooperative intends to undertake the following research projects: (1) Intelligent Well Completions—Phase I. This project details only the Phase I of what is now envisioned as a multi-phase project for Intelligent Well Completions and addresses the need to identify the gaps in current technology and define the technology needs. (2) Integrated Analysis of “Next Generation” Compact Separation Technology concepts. This project is designed to identify and to quantify the comparative advantages associated with implementing state-of-the-art compact separation technology components into integrated designs for the ‘next generation’ E&P facilities. Differential cost, size and weight considerations will be quantified. (3) Cavity Like Completions in Weak Sands. This project seeks to identify where/when/how deliberate sand flowback/surging/jetting can lead to significant productivity/injectivity increases, and stabilize a well against sand production.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative (“Cooperative”) intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 16, 1997, Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative (“Cooperative”) filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6801).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 22, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 28, 1997 (62 FR 63389).

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Southwest Research Institute (“SWRI”) Ford Focus: Catalytic Converter Design Validation Test Project

Notice is hereby given that, on June 25, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute (“SWRI”) Ford Focus: Catalytic Converter Design Validation Test Project has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI; Ford Motor Company, Ltd., Laindon Basildon Essex, England; Arvin Exhaust, Columbus, IN; Corning, Inc., Troy, MI; Tenneco Automotive, Grass Lake, MI; AP Parts, Toledo, OH; 3M, St. Paul, MN; and Visteon, Dearborn, MN. The nature and objectives of the venture are to establish a foundation of real on-vehicle data and a database of catalytic converter operating environments from several current-technology Ford vehicles so that an appropriate design validation test for catalytic converters can be developed for current and future vehicles.

Membership in this program is limited to those companies listed herein and is closed. SWRI intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in the planned activities.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Specialty Metals Processing Corporation

Notice is hereby given that, on February 17, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative